

NITRO CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rusty Casto called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attending were Recorder Rita Cox, Ward 2 Councilman Bill Racer, Ward 3, Councilman Craig Matthews, Ward 4 Councilman Bill Javins, Councilmen at Large Dave Casebolt, Bob Fields, and Jim McKay, City Attorney Richie Robb and City Treasurer John Young. Absent was Ward 1 Councilman A. A. "Joe" Savilla

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Invocation was given by Councilman Jim McKay and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Dave Casebolt.

FUTURE DATES OF COUNCIL: Mayor Casto said the future dates of Council are January 3 and 17 and February 7 and 21, 2012.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 15 AND DECEMBER 6 MEETINGS OF COUNCIL BE APPROVED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BOB FIELDS. VOTING FOR THE MOTION WERE COUNCILMEN RACER, JAVINS, CASEBOLT, FIELDS, MCKAY AND RECORDER COX WITH COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS ABSTAINING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

DECEMBER CITIZEN OF THE MONTH: Mayor Rusty Casto recognized Mary Gast as the December Citizen of the Month, a longtime employee of McDonalds.

PHYSICIAN PRESENTATION/MEDICAL CARE: Richie Robb introduced Dr. Hedda Haning who spoke about medical care being provided such as Medicare for all or a single payer national health care. She asked Council to study the single payer plan and support a resolution for it.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT TO HISTORICAL BOARDS: COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY MOVED THE FOLLOWING BE APPOINTED TO THE NITRO HISTORICAL PRESRVATION BOARD, THE NITRO MUSEUM COMMISSION AND THE WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL COMMISSION BOARD: DELMER BIRD, MARY BYRD, HERSHEL FACEMYRE, JENNIFER HENSLEY, CARMEN KOSTELANSKY, RICHARD SAVILLA, R. NATHAN WILLS, W. LEONARD WOMBLE, RICH HIVELY AND COUNCILMAN BOB FIELDS AS THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AND RICH HIVELY BE APPOINTED NITRO HISTORIAN AND BILL WINTZ NITRO HISTORIAN EMERITUS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CRAIG MATTEWS AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE BCKP REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL ALL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN: RECORDER RITA COX MOVED COUNCIL PASS THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTIONS OF THE BOONE CABELL KANAWHA PUTNAM REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ALL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN BOB FIELDS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

ATTORNEY REPORT: COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY MOVED COUNCIL PASS ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 107 PERTAINING TO ELECTIONS CAUSING TO BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT OF THE JUNE, 2012 ELECTION A VOTE TO DETERMINE IF A PRIMARY ELECTION IS TO BE HELD TO BEGIN IN JUNE,

2016. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN BILL JAVINS AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

Richie Robb said the questions generated by Council concerning the Police Funds Accounts have been given to the Nitro Police Department for a response. He said a FOIA has been submitted for access to the records on behalf of the Nitro Police Department. Richie Robb said his recommendation is that copies of the information be given. COUNCILMAN CASEBOLT MOVED THAT COPIES OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BE SUPPLIED WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

TREASURER REPORT: John Young said that January is usually the worst cash flow month for the city. He recommends restraint in spending. He presented Council with a list of employees who had not been compensated properly on the anniversary date of employment with the total amount to correct the situation being \$2560.00. RECORDER COX MOVED THE RAISE BE GIVEN TO THE EMPLOYEES ON THEIR ANNIVERSARY FOR A TOTAL \$2560.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED TREASURER JOHN YOUNG BE PERMITTED TO ADD TO THE FIRE PENSION A \$1000.00 MONTHLY ADDITION FOR SIX MONTHS THAT HAD BEEN GOING TO THE POLICE PENSION. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS SECONDED THE MOTION AND VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION TO CARRY.

John Young said he had not made the donation of \$500.00 as voted on by Council at the last meeting for the fund for Nitro Police Officer James Lee. He said that he thought the funds could be used for equipment and he has asked Richie Robb for a ruling in writing to authorize the expenditure.

COUNCIL COMMENT: Mayor Rusty Casto said that the rental for the gazebo will be handled by Lonzel Ellis at Public Works. He said the calendars are in and are going to be mailed the next day.

Councilman Craig Matthews said Nitro Fireman Casey Mathes was asked to get estimates on repairing the roof of the Fire Department. Casey Mathes said he had called several companies but the only estimate was from Tri-State Roofing for \$15,862.00. Councilman Dave Casebolt said we still need to address the general condition of the building. He recommended the Police and Fire Committee meet to discuss and come back with a recommendation.

Councilman Bill Javins said the Moody's are asking \$117,000.00 for the property on 21st St.

Councilman Craig Matthews said two representatives from the Department of Transportation Trail Grants will be walking the trail at Ridenour on December 29 at 9:00 am with a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting at 11:00 in Council Chambers.

Councilman Bob Fields said the Buffalo Wildwings Fundraiser for Officer Lee had made about \$1000.00 and the Southridge BWW had added about \$250.00

COUNCILMAN JIM MCKAY MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13 MEETING OF THE NDA BE MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES WITH A SECOND BY RECORDER RITA COX. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sandy Saunders said she would like to talk with Council about issue of her employment. COUNCILMAN MATTHEWS MOVED COUNCIL GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THIS MATTER WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN MCKAY. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

8:00 pm Executive Session

9:00 pm Council Resumes

ADJOURNMENT: COUNCILMAN MCKAY MOVED COUNCIL ADJOURN WITH A SECOND BY COUNCILMAN RACER. VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS FOR THE MOTION.

RUSTY CASTO, MAYOR

RITA COX, RECORDER